



Works by Sir Harrison Birtwistle

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... agm ... (1978)

Text von: Sappho

Genres: chamber orchestra

Orchestration: for 16 voices and 3 instrumental ensembles

Duration: 30'

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3 Movements (1991)

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for string quartet

Duration: 14'

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3 Movements with Fanfares (1964)

Genres: ensemble (10+ players)

Orchestration: for chamber orchestra

Duration: 14'

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3 Settings of Celan (1989)

Text von: Paul Celan

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for soprano, 2 clarinets, viola, violoncello and double bass

Duration: 15'

Soloist: soprano

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3 Settings of Celan (1989)

Bearbeitet von: Malcolm Bruno

Text von: Paul Celan

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for soprano, 2 clarinets and viol consort

Duration: 15'

Soloist: soprano

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4 Poems by Jaan Kaplinski (1991)

Text von: Jaan Kaplinski

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for soprano and 13 instruments

Duration: 9'

Soloist: soprano

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4 Songs of Autumn (1988)

Text von: Anonymus

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for soprano and string quartet

Duration: 6'

Soloist: soprano

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5 Chorale Preludes

Bearbeitet von: Sir Harrison Birtwistle

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for soprano, A clarinet, basset horn and Bb bass clarinet

Duration: 18'

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5 Distances for 5 Instruments (1992)

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for flute, oboe, clarinet in B flat, bassoon and horn in F

Duration: 13'

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An die Musik (1988)

Text von: Rainer Maria Rilke

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for soprano and chamber ensemble

Duration: 5'

Soloist: soprano

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An Imaginary Landscape (1971)

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for brass, percussion and double basses

Duration: 20'

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Antiphonies (1992)

Genres: orchestra

Orchestration: for piano and orchestra

Duration: 30'

Soloist: piano

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Antiphonies from the Moonkeeper

Orchestration: for trumpet

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Berceuse de Jeanne (1984)

Orchestration: for piano

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Bow Down, Improvised music theatre (1977)

Genres: music theatre (opera, musical,...) chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for 5 actors and 4 musicians

Duration: 50'

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Cantata (1969)

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for soprano and instruments

Duration: 11'

Soloist: soprano

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Carmen Arcadiae Mechanicae Perpetuum (1977)

Genres: ensemble (10+ players)

Orchestration: for ensemble

Duration: 9'

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Carmen Arcadiae Mechanicae Perpetuum (1977)

Genres: ensemble (10+ players)

Orchestration: for chamber orchestra

Duration: 9'

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Carmen Paschale, Motet (1965)

Text von: Sedulius Scottus

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for choir and organ

Duration: 5'

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Chorale from a Toy Shop (1967)

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for 2 trumpets, horn, trombone and tuba

Duration: 2'

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Chorale from a Toy Shop (1967)

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for flute, oboe or clarinet, clarinet or cor anglais, horn or trombone and trombone or tuba

Duration: 2'

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Chorales (1960)

Genres: orchestra

Orchestration: for orchestra

Duration: 20'

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Chronometer (1971)

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for 2 asynchronous 4-track tapes

Duration: 25'

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Clarinet Quintet (1980)

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for clarinet and string quartet

Duration: 25'

Soloist: cl(A), vln(2), vla, vc

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Cortege (2007)

Genres: ensemble (10+ players)

Orchestration: for 14 musicians

Duration: 15'

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Deowa (1983)

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for soprano and clarinet in Bb

Duration: 10'

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Dinah and Nick's Love Song (1970)

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for 3 melody instruments and harp

Duration: 5'

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Double Hocket (B & H)

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for violin, violoncello and piano

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Down by the Greenwood Side, A Dramatic Pastoral (1968)

Genres: music theatre (opera, musical,...)

Duration: 30'

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Duets for Storab (1983)

Herausgeber: Gerhard Braun

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for 2 flutes

Duration: 12'

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Earth Dances (1985)

Genres: orchestra

Orchestration: for orchestra

Duration: 38'

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Endless Parade (1986)

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for trumpet, strings and vibraphone

Duration: 17'

Soloist: trumpet in C

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Entr'actes and Sappho Fragments (1964)

Text von: Sappho

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for soprano and instruments

Duration: 25'

Soloist: soprano

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Epilogue, "Full fathom five" (1972)

Text von: William Shakespeare

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for baritone, horn, 4 trombones and 6 tam-tams (2 players)

Duration: 7'

Soloist: baritone

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Fanfare for Glyndebourne (1994)

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for brass ensemble and timpani

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For O, for O, the Hobby-Horse is Forgot, Ceremony (1976)

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for 6 percussionists

Duration: 20'

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Gawain, Opera in 2 acts (1990)

Genres: music theatre (opera, musical,...)

Duration: 180'

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Gawain (1990)

Genres: music theatre (opera, musical,...)

Duration: 150'

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Gawain's Journey (1991)

Genres: orchestra

Orchestration: for orchestra

Duration: 25'

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Grimethorpe Aria (1973)

Genres: ensemble (10+ players)

Orchestration: for brass ensemble

Duration: 14'

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Hector's Dawn (1987)

Orchestration: for piano

Duration: 1'

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Hoquetus David

Bearbeitet von: Sir Harrison Birtwistle

Genres: ensemble (10+ players)

Orchestration: for chamber ensemble

Duration: 4'

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La Plage: 8 Arias of Remembrance (1972)

Text von: Alain Robbe-Grillet

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for soprano and 5 instruments

Duration: 14'

Soloist: soprano

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Linoi (1968)

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for clarinet in A and piano

Duration: 10'

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Love Cries, from the opera 'The Second Mrs. Kong' (1994)

Bearbeitet von: Michael Berkeley (1999)

Text von: Russell Hoban

Genres: orchestra

Orchestration: for soprano, mezzo-soprano, tenor and orchestra

Duration: 40'

Soloist: soprano; mezzo-soprano; tenor

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Machaut à ma manière (1988)

Genres: orchestra

Orchestration: for orchestra

Duration: 10'

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Melencolia I (1976)

Genres: orchestra

Orchestration: for clarinet, harp and 2 string orchestras

Duration: 24'

Soloist: clarinet in A

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Mercure, Poses plastiques (1924)

Bearbeitet von: Sir Harrison Birtwistle

Genres: ballet ensemble (10+ players)

Orchestration: for chamber orchestra

Duration: 15'

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Meridian (1970)

Text von: Thomas Wyatt, Christopher Logue

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for mezzo-soprano, 2 female choirs and instruments

Duration: 27'

Soloist: mezzo-soprano

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Monody for Corpus Christi (1959)

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for soprano, flute, violin and horn

Duration: 12'

Soloist: soprano

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Narration: A Description of the Passing of a Year (1963)

Text von: Anonymus

Genres: choir

Orchestration: for a cappella chorus

Duration: 10'

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Nenia: The Death of Orpheus (1970)

Text von: Peter Zinovieff

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for soprano, 3 bass clarinets, crotales and piano

Duration: 15'

Soloist: soprano

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Night (1992)

Text von: Paul Celan

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for soprano, 2 clarinets, viola, violoncello and double bass

Duration: 4'

Soloist: soprano

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Nomos (1967)

Genres: orchestra

Orchestration: for 4 amplified instruments and orchestra

Duration: 15'

Soloist: flute; clarinet; bassoon; horn

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On the Sheer Threshold of the Night, Madrigal (1980)

Text von: Boethius

Genres: choir

Orchestration: for 4 soli and 12 voice choir

Duration: 15'

Soloist: soprano; alto; tenor; bass

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Précis (1960)

Orchestration: for piano

Duration: 5'

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Prologue (1971)

Text von: Aeschylus

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for tenor and 7 instruments

Duration: 5'

Soloist: tenor

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Pulse Field, Frames, Pulse and Interruptions - improvised ballet (1977)

Genres: ballet chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for 6 dancers and 9 musicians

Duration: 35'

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Pulse Sampler (1981)

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for oboe and claves

Duration: 10'

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Punch and Judy, A tragical comedy or comical tragedy in 1 act (1966)

Genres: music theatre (opera, musical,...)

Duration: 110'

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Refrains and Choruses (1957)

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for wind quintet

Duration: 7'

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Ring a Dumb Carillon (1964)

Text von: Christopher Logue

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for soprano (+ susp cyms), clarinet in Bb and percussion

Duration: 12'

Soloist: soprano

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Sad Song (1971)

Orchestration: for piano

Duration: 4'

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Salford Toccata (1989)

Genres: ensemble (10+ players)

Orchestration: for brass ensemble

Duration: 15'

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Secret Theatre (1984)

Genres: ensemble (10+ players)

Orchestration: for chamber ensemble

Duration: 28'

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Silbury Air (1977)

Genres: ensemble (10+ players)

Orchestration: for chamber ensemble

Duration: 15'

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Some Petals from my Twickenham Herbarium (1969)

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for piccolo, clarinet in Bb, glockenspiel, piano, violin and violoncello

Duration: 2'

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Songs by Myself (1984)

Text von: Sir Harrison Birtwistle

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for soprano and chamber ensemble

Duration: 10'

Soloist: soprano

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Tenebrae (1992)

Text von: Paul Celan

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for soprano, 2 clarinets, viola, violoncello and double bass

Duration: 6'

Soloist: soprano

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The Fields of Sorrow (1971)

Text von: Decimius Magnus Ausonius

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for 2 sopranos, 8-part choir and instruments

Duration: 9'

Soloist: soprano

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The Mark of the Goat, Dramatic cantata (1966)

Text von: Alan Crang

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for actors, singer, 2 choirs, 3 instruments, piano (3 players), percussion ensemble (large and small)

Duration: 30'

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The Mask of Orpheus, Opera in 3 acts (1973)

Genres: music theatre (opera, musical,...)

Duration: 210'

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The Second Mrs Kong, Opera in 2 acts (1993)

Genres: music theatre (opera, musical,...)

Duration: 120'

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The Triumph of Time (1971)

Genres: orchestra

Orchestration: for orchestra

Duration: 28'

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The World is Discovered (1961)

Genres: ensemble (10+ players)

Orchestration: for chamber ensemble

Duration: 12'

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Tombeau in memoriam Igor Stravinsky (1971)

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for flute, clarinet, harp and string quartet

Duration: 3'

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Tragoedia (1965)

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, horn, harp and string quartet

Duration: 20'

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Ut heremita solus

Bearbeitet von: Sir Harrison Birtwistle

Genres: ensemble (10+ players)

Orchestration: for chamber ensemble

Duration: 7'

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Verses (1965)

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for clarinet and piano

Duration: 6'

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Verses for Ensembles (1968)

Genres: ensemble (10+ players)

Orchestration: for 3 instrumental ensembles

Duration: 28'

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White and Light (1989)

Text von: Paul Celan

Genres: chamber music/ensemble (2-9 players)

Orchestration: for soprano, 2 clarinets, viola, violoncello and double bass

Duration: 5'

Soloist: soprano

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Words Overheard (1985)

Text von: Sir Harrison Birtwistle

Genres: ensemble (10+ players)

Orchestration: for soprano and chamber orchestra

Duration: 8'

Soloist: soprano

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Yan Tan Tethera, A Mechanical Pastoral (1984)

Genres: music theatre (opera, musical,...)

Duration: 90'

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